



Governor's Proposed Budget FY 2011-12

Potential Impacts on the County of San Diego

On January 10, 2011 Governor Jerry Brown unveiled a budget proposal aimed at addressing an estimated \$25.4 billion state budget shortfall. Following is a list of the estimated impacts on the County of San Diego as a result of the FY 2011-12 proposed budget.

Realignment

A significant feature of the Governor's proposal is the restructuring of the state-local relationship through a realignment of the way government services are delivered. Programs proposed for realignment include fire and emergency response, court security, management of low-level offenders and adult parolees, juvenile justice programs, substance abuse disorder treatment, foster care and child welfare services, adult protective services, and three mental health services. Funding of these programs is reliant on voter approval to extend temporary increases in Vehicle Licensing Fees (VLF) and Sales Tax. Numerous questions about the details, process and structure of the realignment proposals remain unanswered.

Public Safety

\$20.6 million potential loss in funding for current County public safety Vehicle License Fee programs in Probation, Sheriff and District Attorney. These programs include Citizens for Public Safety supporting jail staffing, law enforcement and prosecution activities, Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act, Juvenile Probation Camp Funding, Booking Fee Subvention, Vertical Prosecution and the High Technology Theft Apprehension and Prosecution program.

\$3-\$4 million potential loss in funding if the County's share of Child Support Collections is suspended, preventing the County from leveraging available federal funds.

Undetermined County impact due to the transfer of responsibility for court security to the County.

Undetermined County impact of transferring unknown number of low-level offenders to counties to serve their sentences locally. An unknown number of offenders would shift to counties, with sentences determined by the court. Approximately 2,500 to 3,000 offenders are estimated to remain in San Diego County annually. It is not known whether sufficient revenues would be provided to counties to incarcerate these offenders or to provide services and support in the community if appropriate.

Undetermined County impact of shifting adult parole responsibilities to the counties. The local population on state parole totals 9,000, currently has a 70 percent recidivism rate, and would require a high level of supervision. It is not known whether revenues would be provided to counties to provide the required level of supervision for these offenders.

Undetermined County impact due to the potential end of the state's role in housing and treating youth offenders.

Fire and Emergency Response Activities

Staffing reduction for CAL FIRE in San Diego County. 18 CAL FIRE stations with up to 26 engine companies would be staffed with 3, rather than 4, firefighters.

Undetermined County impact of the proposed revisions to criteria and definitions of State Responsibility Areas to ensure that local governments assume the responsibility for populated wildland areas.

Health and Human Services

\$6 million loss to the County for administration if all CalWORKS proposals are enacted including eliminating monthly benefits for families that have received CalWORKS aid for 48 months or more, capping maximum monthly CalWORKS grant awards for a family of three and reducing the age eligibility for child care services. A reduction of this magnitude would affect the County's ability to provide services.

No County impact anticipated from shifting state mental health funding from Proposition 63 fund balances to fund Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment, assuming caseloads remain the same.

\$0.7 million loss of potential Child Welfare Services funding due to the elimination of the Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus).

300 children in 165 CalWORKs families would be impacted if state eliminates child care eligibility for 11 and 12 year-old children. Loss of services for children may adversely impact Welfare-To-Work participation.

265 children that are in the local Foster Care system and receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits could be impacted if there is a reduction of 3.8 percent in SSI/SSP.

Undetermined local impact resulting from various cuts to the Medi-Cal program including state funding reductions, requiring beneficiaries to share in the cost of services, limiting utilization of services, eliminating adult day health care, and reducing Medi-Cal provider payments.

Undetermined local impact resulting from cuts to the Healthy Families Program by eliminating the vision benefit, increasing premiums, and increasing co-payments.

\$88-\$98 million in potential loss of funding for First 5 San Diego should \$1 billion in Proposition 10 funds be redirected to fund Medi-Cal services for children through age 5.

\$14-\$16 million savings to the County should all of the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) state funding proposals be adopted. County savings would potentially be offset by a loss in state funding.

Transportation

\$20 million potential loss to the County in local street and road funding if the 2010 gas tax swap is not reenacted.

Redevelopment

\$8 million in one-time additional revenue in FY 2011-12 for the County general fund; impact in subsequent years as existing redevelopment agencies' debt and contracts are paid off and programs are realigned is unknown.

\$1.6 million loss in revenue for the Gillespie Field Project Area

\$1 million loss in revenue for the Upper San Diego River Improvement Project Area

\$850,000 loss in revenue for the Low-Income Housing Program

\$270,000 in additional revenue for the Library Fund

State Mandates

\$1.5-\$1.8 estimated loss to the County in revenue per year should the state suspend reimbursements for most mandates not related to public safety or property taxes, presumably including election-related mandates.

Libraries

\$508,000 revenue loss in FY 2011-12 due to a decrease in state general fund assistance for local libraries.

Special Election

\$5-\$6 million potential cost to the County to conduct a special election in June 2011. The Proposed Budget does not include reimbursement for the proposed election.